

has declared a dividend of 4 1/2 per cent., payable on the 1st instant, for the first six months of its operations.

It is a notable fact, as illustrating the rapid increase of steam navigation, that of the two hundred entries at the Custom-House to-day one hundred and eighty were of importations by steamers.

The first instalment of 10 1/2 cent. on the capital of the Continental Bank was paid to-day.

There is no change in the money market. Call loans range from 5 to 7 1/2 per cent., with abundant supply. Paper of first class goes at 5 1/2 to 7 1/2 per cent.

The following is a statement of the movement in cotton since the 1st of September last, as compared with the previous three years:

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From which it will be seen that the excess in receipts now amounts to 433,000 bushels; the increase in exports to Great Britain, 241,000; other foreign ports, 34,000. Decrease to France, 28,000. Total increase in exports, 247,000 bushels.

In relation to the crop, *Wright's Circular* says:

This question remains the same, and although the excess is reduced this week, and will be further reduced next week, I continue of opinion that the crop will exceed the last. The receipts into the ports, particularly those of the Atlantic States, have been for a week or two interrupted by the bad state of the roads, caused by the heavy rains of December. The mail from the South having had two or three days, I am willing to trust the statement from Savannah and Charleston.

The Bank of Mobile has declared a dividend of four 1/2 per cent. payable to New-York stockholders at the Merchants' Bank on demand.

We understand that Col. Jas. L. Curtis has resigned the Presidency of the New-Jersey Zinc Company, and that Mr. Detmold, the Architect of the Crystal Palace, has been elected to fill the vacancy.

The Albany Argus has following the synopses of a bill before the Legislature in regard to Savings Banks:

It provides that in addition to the facilities now enjoyed by banks for deposits, to extend the securities which may be made to the stocks or securities with which the faith of any state in the Union shall be pledged, or in the public debt or stock of any incorporated city or town, which shall be authorized by the Legislature to issue stock—provided the cash value of the time of the investment, is above par, and not to exceed an amount ninety per cent. of the par value. Whenever the value shall depreciate to below that sum, the directors are to require additional payment, so that at all times the amount loaned shall be at least ten per cent. less than the par value.

The Savings Institution is empowered to make temporary deposits in banks to an amount equal to ten per cent. of the actual cash capital stock of the bank paid in, used to receive the usual interest, provided the deposit in any one bank does not exceed one-half of the sum of all of the other deposits of the Savings Institution.

No contract or agreement to be longer than one year, and no larger sum to be invested in any one bank unless for the sum exceeding such securities as the Superintendent of the Banking Department is authorized to receive in exchange for bills of circulation.

The trustees are prohibited from holding that office in more than one institution at the same time, and also from holding any stock in a bank wherein the savings bank managers are deposited.

The assets of a bank on becoming insolvent, are to be applied, after paying its bill holders, to the payment of the deposits of savings banks.

Deposits are limited to \$1,000 from any one individual. On deposits of \$500 the interest is to be one per cent. more than on sums exceeding that amount.

All surpluses of more than five per cent., over and above the amount of the interest, are to be applied over to the Board of Supervisors of the county where the institution is located—to be invested by them in the same manner as the institutions are permitted, and the interest to be applied to the support of the poor of such county.

All sums that have remained on deposit for a period of twenty years, and the deposit unknown,

without additional deposits or drafts within that period by such depositor, to take the same direction through the Banking Department.

The provisions of the bill are general, and all are prohibited from loaning the moneys on deposit upon notes, bills of exchange, drafts, or any personal securities whatever.

The trade in Dry Goods for the season has fairly commenced. Southern and Western buyers are in town. The far Western buyers from St. Louis, Louisville, as well as those from Texas and New Orleans, are taking their full complement of goods usual at this time, notwithstanding the advance in prices. That advance is no check to consumption, such is the substantial demand presented by a wide-spread prosperity. Two important auction sales are also announced for the coming week—both of Laws—The produce of the two Companies, the Lodi and the Portmouth. The former presents its produce for the first time; the latter is an old-established Company. The Lodi manufacture obtained the gold medal at the last Annual Fair, for Printed Linens. The occurrence of these two sales, one to-morrow (Wednesday), and the other on Thursday, will bring a large number of outside buyers into the City. An active week's business will be the result. Jobbers are buying much more freely. Clothiers are also in the market. The severity of the weather has dissipated the fears which some entertained that winter consumption might be checked by the mild weather which prevailed up to Friday last. The receipts of goods are increasing from the mills as well as the imports. There is a good export demand for heavy Brown Sheetings, and prices are firm at 7 1/2 to 8 1/2 per cent. Bleached Goods have become rather scarce, and prices are buoyant, especially of the medium and lower grades. Drills are active, but the sales are mostly to arrive, as the demand continues to outrun immediate supplies. Prices are very firm at 7 1/2 to 8 1/2 per cent. Satinets are fair demand at full prices. Linseys are more active at 7 1/2 to 8 1/2 per cent. Satinets are fair demand at full prices. Linseys are more active than usual at this season. Silk more brittle. The stock is now large, but dealers being low in stock, will prevent a large present demand at striking prices. 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